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NOT IN A HURRY.

With Him the Ruling Passion Was Indeed Strong in Death.

That Was the Estimated Circulation For the Year 1907.

A Royal Funeral and an Embarrassed Blundering Official.

As Arpagno lay dying in his cold, dark, bare palace of stone on the Corso his one thought was that, since he was too ill to eat, a full lira a day was being saved on the food bill.

The doctor was announced. The doctor, after feeling Arpagno's pulse, looked grave.

"Well," said the miser, "how much longer have I to live?"

"Only half an hour," was the reply.

"Arpagno's eyes flashed fire.

"You scoundrel!" he cried. "Why do you let things run on to the last minute like this? Do you want to ruin me? Send for the barber at once."

The barber arrived posthaste.

"You charge," said Arpagno, "20 centesimi for shaving?"

"Yes, signor."

"And for shaving a corpse 5 lire?"

"Yes."

"Arpagno glanced at the clock. Seven of the thirty minutes left him still remained.

"Then shave me quickly," he gasped.

"As the operation finished Arpagno died. But with his last breath, smiling happily, he murmured while the barber dried his cold, pale cheeks:

"How splendid—4 lire and 80 centesimi saved!"

PASSED THE VENISON.

One Member of the Council Had a Tender Conscience.

This quaint account of an old time Thanksgiving celebration in New England was found in the diary of a Connecticut minister, dated in the year 1714:

"When ye services at ye meeting house were ended, ye council and other dignitaries were entertained at the house of Mr. Epes on ye hill near by, where we had a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, with bear's meat and venison, the last of which was a fine buck, shot in the woods near by.

"After ye blessing was craved word came that ye buck was shot on ye Lord's day by Pequot, an Indian, who came to Mr. Epes with a live in his mouth, like Ananias of old. Ye council therefore refused to eat ye venison, but it was afterward decided that Pequot should receive forty stripes save one for lying and profaning on ye Lord's day and restore Mr. Epes ye price of ye deer, and, considering a just and righteous sentence on ye sinful heathen and that a blessing had been craved on ye meat, ye council all partook of it but Mr. Shepard, whose conscience was tender on ye point of ye venison."

Butterfly Fakes.

The butterfly was a beautiful deep blue, as lustrous as satin; but, looking at it closely, the collector shook his head.

"Another fake," he said. "See here." And with his finger he brushed off the glistening blue dust from the insect's wings, and, lo, it was but a common brown field butterfly, after all.

"As the collecting of butterflies grows more popular," he explained, "more and more butterfly fakers turn up. These men, with various aniline dye powders, color up a ten cent insect into a good resemblance to a ten dollar one. Their work is hard to detect for the reason that when the dye rubs off and discolors your fingers you suspect nothing, since the genuine dust belonging to every butterfly's wings would do the same thing."—New York Press.

The Aurora Borealis.

The aurora borealis, or northern dawn, is an electrical phenomenon which in high northern latitudes, especially in winter, illuminates the skies with streams of light. As the streams of light have a tremendous motion, they are called in many places the "mercury dances." They assume many shapes and a variety of colors, from a pale red or yellow to a deep red or blood color, and in the northern latitudes they serve to illuminate the earth and cheer the gloom of the long winter nights. The connection of the aurora displays with the disturbance of the magnetic needle is now regarded as an ascertained fact.

Not For Fishes.

"What are you children talking about?" demanded the old catfish.

"Nothing much, ma," replied the little kitten fish.

"We heard somebody say that iron was good for the blood, and we were wondering if it really was."

"Not if it comes to you in the shape of a hook, my child."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Daughter.

Oh, the blessings that a daughter can bring into a household if she only wishes to! The communion of her mother, the comfort of her father, the pride of her brothers and sisters, the joy of the whole household!—Martha Washington.

Then He Did Go.

"Well," said Mr. Staylate for the fourth time, "I must be going."

"What a queer delusion!" replied Miss Patience Gonne. "You're really quite stationary."—Philadelphia Press.

During the Tiff.

Mrs. Houlihan (sighing)—I never saw ye till th' day before me unforchun marriage! Mr. Houlihan—An' I often wisht ye hadn't seen me till th' day after—ye Puck.

A Sit-by-the-Fire.

You may talk about your country cousins who never get outside of their native counties," said the man who lives not far from St. Thomas church, "but I know a man who has lived in New York for forty years and has never seen the Flatiron building. Of course he couldn't have seen it during three-fourths of that time, however much he may have wanted to, but that isn't what I'm talking about. He is a bookseller, with a shop not three minutes from Broadway and not more than twenty minutes' walk from Twenty-third street. No, he isn't blind. He simply hasn't seen the Flatiron building because his business hasn't taken him down that way, and he is not sufficiently curious to go down there merely to look at it. He has not been as far south as Forty-second street in five years, and he is not a dozen blocks away. He has his work to attend to during the day, and when night comes he goes home, which reminds me that there are thousands of people in Manhattan who have never seen the Brooklyn bridge and more have never crossed it, and still some people wonder at the lack of civic pride among residents of New York city."—New York Press.

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VIRGINIA—At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court for the county of Accomac, on the last Monday in March, A. D. 1908, the same being the 30th day of said month.

Mollie A. Edmonds and husband, Plaintiffs

Edgar J. Smith and others, . . . Defendants

In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to sell for purpose of partition a certain tract of land known as "Little Rest," containing 140 acres more or less, situated near Melfa Station, Accomac county, Va.

Affidavit having been made before the clerk of the said court of the fact that the said Mollie A. Edmonds and husband are non-residents of the state of Virginia, and that their attorney, it is ordered that the said non-resident defendant do appear in and defend the said cause, and do what is necessary to protect his interests, and that this order be published fifteen days after due publication of this order in the "Peninsula Enterprise," a newspaper published at Accomac, C. H. Virginia, and also posted at the front door of the courthouse of this county on the last Monday in March, A. D. 1908.

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Wm. C. Burroughs and others, . . . Defendants

In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to sell for purpose of partition a certain tract of land known as "Burroughs Farm," situated near Melfa Station, Accomac county, Va.

Affidavit having been made before the clerk of the said court of the fact that the said Wm. C. Burroughs and others are non-residents of the state of Virginia, and that their attorney, it is ordered that the said non-resident defendants do appear in and defend the said cause, and do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that this order be published fifteen days after due publication of this order in the "Peninsula Enterprise," a newspaper published at Accomac, C. H. Virginia, and also posted at the front door of the courthouse of this county on the last Monday in March, A. D. 1908.

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